ORDINANCE NO. 1041-16

WHEREAS, it is provided in and by Section 11-51-1. of Chapter 24 of the Illinois Revised Statutes, 1969, as follows:

Whenever any cemetery is embraced within the limits of any city, the corporate authorities thereof, if, in their opinion, any good cause exists why such cemetery should be removed, may cause the remains of all persons interred therein to be removed to some other suitable place. However, the corporate authorities shall first obtain the assent of the trustees or other persons having the control or ownership of such cemetery, or a majority thereof. When such cemetery is owned by one or more private parties, or private corporation or chartered society, the corporate authorities of such city may require the removal of such cemetery to be done at the expense of such private parties, or private corporation or chartered society, if such removal be based upon their application.

and

WHEREAS, within an area of approximately 120 ft. X 120 ft. located on East Washington Street and in the City of Urbana there exists a place that has been used for burials by the County of Champaign in the State of Illinois for indigent and transient persons, and

WHEREAS, said area is now owned by the County Board of School
Trustees of Champaign County, Illinois for the use of School District Number
116, County of Champaign and State of Illinois, and by the City of Urbana
for street purposes, and

WHEREAS, said burial place was never formally set aside as a cemetery, has been abandoned for such purposes since 1932, and

WHEREAS, no plat of the site as a cemetery has ever been made or filed for record and no record has been preserved to indicate the names of the persons buried on the site and no tombstones are exected on the site, and

WHEREAS, a part of said tract lies within the right of way of East
Washington Street extended and a part of said tract lies within the grounds of
the new Junior High School site, and

WHEREAS, the location of said burial place does not appear to be an appropriate place for the repose of the remains of those persons who may be buried there, the names of whom are all unknown, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for proper reverence to the deceased that there be some maintenance of said graves for which neither the School District nor the City has adequate facilities, and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds in their opinion that good cause exists why such cemetery should be removed. Such good cause being the facts hereinabove set forth as well as the necessity of providing for future care of the remains found on said tract and the convenience of the City and of the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it hereby ordained by the City Council of Urbana, Illinois that upon the assent of School District Number 116, County of Champaign and State of Illinois, and at the joint expense of the School District and of the City, not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00), the remains of all persons interred in said cemetery be removed to a suitable place in an existing cemetery near the City of Urbana, Illinois. That such removal be by professionals normally engaged in burials, supervised by a licensed undertaker, with some appropriate religious ceremony attending such reinterment and that some suitable marker be placed upon the new grave site.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, this 15th day of June, A.D. 1970.

Duane Eckerty, City Clerk

Charles M. Zieprodt, Mayor